

HB 805 -- COMBAT DECORATION LICENSE PLATE

SPONSOR: Basye

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Veterans by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass Consent" by the Committee on Consent and House Procedure by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill specifies that a veteran recipient of the Navy Cross, Distinguished Cross, Distinguished Service Cross, Air Force Cross, or Coast Guard Cross may be issued a special combat decoration license plate or removable windshield placard at no cost to the veteran. Any individual who displays a placard may park his or her motor vehicle in a parking lot or garage on any public college or university in this state free of charge.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say the bill would add several distinguished medals recipients to the list of those allowed a special license plate or parking placard. To earn one of these distinguished service medals, one must show great valor in combat and therefore, a license plate or placard is one way the state can show appreciation to these true heroes.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Basye; Eric Anthes, Student Veterans Association; Dewey Riehn, VFW; and Anthony Bamvakais, Office of The Adjutant General.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.